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Letter dated 11 April 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to the letter dated 21 March 2012 from H.E. Minas A. Hadjimichael addressed to you (A/66/751-S/2012/173), I have the honour to draw your attention to ongoing violations of the international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded from 1 December 2011 to 29 February 2012, as follows.

On 1 December 2011, two F-16, two F-4 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice.

On 2 December 2011, four F-16 and two F-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice.

On 5 December 2011, two F-16 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 6 December 2011, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 7 December 2011, two F-16, one CN-235 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 12 December 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 13 December 2011, two F-16, one CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

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On 14 December 2011, one CN-235, two Cougar and four Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 15 December 2011, two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 16 December 2011, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 21 December 2011, one C-160 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 22 December 2011, two F-16 and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 24 and 26 December 2011, three CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 27 December 2011, two CN-235, two F-16 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 28 December 2011, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 29 December 2011, one C-160, one CN-235 and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 31 December 2011, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 3 January 2012, one C-650 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 4 January 2012, one C-160 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 6 and 7 January 2012, one C-130, one PA-42, one C-650 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 9 January 2012, two S-70 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 10 January 2012, one CN-235 and five F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 11 January 2012, one CN-235, one C-160, one B-200 and two S-70 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations eight times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus eight times.

On 12 January 2012, one CN-25 and two S-70 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 13 January 2012, one CN-235, two S-70 and two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 16 January 2012, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 17 January 2012, one GLF-5, three CN-235, one Cougar and four Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 18 January 2012, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 19 January 2012, two F-16, two CN-235 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 20 January 2012, one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 23 January 2012, one Cessna and one Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 24 January 2012, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 26 January 2012, two F-4 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 29 January 2012, one GLF-5 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 31 January 2012, four Turkish military aircraft of unknown type violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 1 February 2012, one C-130 and one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 2 February 2012, one CN-235, three Cougar, two B-200 and two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations seven times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus five times.

On 4 February 2012, one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 6 February 2012, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 8 February 2012, one Cougar, one B-200 and two F-16 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 9 February 2012, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 10 February 2012, one CN-235 and one C-160 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations four times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus four times.

On 13 February 2012, one C-130 and two CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 14 February 2012, one Cougar, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 15 February 2012, one Cougar, two CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations six times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus six times.

On 16 February 2012, one CN-235 and one C-130 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 20 February 2012, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 21 February 2012, three Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations three times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus three times.

On 22 February 2012, four F-16, two CN-235 and one B-200 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations five times and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 23 February 2012, two Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On 24 and 27 February 2012, one Cougar and one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 28 February 2012, one Cougar Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus.

On 29 February 2012, one CN-235 Turkish military aircraft violated international air traffic regulations twice and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus twice.

On behalf of my Government, I strongly protest the continuing violations by Turkey of international air traffic regulations and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus and call for their immediate cessation.

Such systematic abuses by Turkey of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus blatantly violate international law and air traffic regulations and seriously compromise international aviation safety in the greater region. This is particularly disconcerting in the context of the recent military threats by Turkey against Cyprus, related to activity in my country's Exclusive Economic Zone, as well as recent statements by high-level Turkish officials threatening annexation of the occupied part of Cyprus.

We would like to reiterate our call to the Government of Turkey to abide by the Charter of the United Nations and its international obligations and respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all Member States of the United Nations.

The persistence of the above-mentioned violations is particularly counterproductive at the present juncture of negotiations in search of a just, lasting and peaceful solution to the Cyprus problem. In this context, we reiterate our call to the Government of Turkey to act constructively in support of efforts aimed at reaching a viable solution to the Cyprus problem, in accordance with the agreed basis for such a solution, endorsed by numerous Security Council resolutions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nicholas **Emiliou**